

wherein: **R'1** and **R3** have the meaning as defined in claim 5.

19. A compound according to claim 18, wherein: **R'1** is -COOMe, **R3** is H.

20. A compound according to claim 9, wherein: **R'1** is -COOH, **R3** is CH<sub>3</sub>, **R6** = **R7** is H.

21. A compound according to claim 9, wherein: **R'1** is -COOH, **R3** is -CH<sub>2</sub>-thioxanthyl, **R6** = **R7** is H.--

#### REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendments, claims 1-21 are pending in the application. The claims and specification have been amended in accordance with the Article 34 Amendments submitted in the corresponding International Application No. PCT/CA99/00311. In particular, the specification was amended to correct typographical and clerical errors. The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

#### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow all claims pending in this application. If

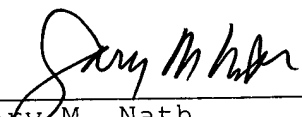
the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter,  
the Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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